	Names of District (SSA)	No. of Tele. Conns. working as on 31.10.92	Total W/L as on 31.10.92
7.	Amreli	5347	1399
8.	Mehsana	25710	11432
9.	Valsad (Including Dangs)	17760	12230
10.	Jamnagar	17183	2316
11.	Bhuj (Kutch)	15197	5349
12.	Bhavnagar	17742	9999
13.	Himatnagar (S.K.)	12073	2917
14.	Palanpur (B.K.)	9953	5306
15.	Surendranagar	8832	2279
16.	Godhra (P.M.)	8564	2641
17.	Bharuch	13283	4481
18.	U/T of Dadra Nagar Haveli	917	326
19.	U/T of Daman and Diu	1160	830

Concessional Telephone connection to freedom figheters

3175. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of freedom fighters in the country who have applied for a telephone connection after the Government's recent announcement of a concessional connection to the freedom fighters;

(b) whether this facility is being given to their immediate dependants also;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of such connections that have been installed in the country, State-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Hosue.

(b) This facility is also given to the widows of freedom fighters who are in receipt of freedom fighters' family pension.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Commemorative Stamps on Maruthu Brothers of Tamil Nadu

3176. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the facts about the Brothers called Peria Maruthu (Elder) and Chinna Maruthu (Yonunger) the renowned warriors and freedom fighters in the last part of 18th century and the first part of the 19th century from Sivagongai Cheemal of Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the State Government of Tamil Nadu have built memorials for these great freedom fighters;

(c) whether the Government of India propose to issue commemorative stamps in the name of these freedomfighters; an

(d) *if so, what are* the *details thereof* and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU: (a) to (d) Commemorative postage stamps are generally issued on the recommendations of the Philatelic advisory Committee which considers proposals received from individuals organisations or Government Agencies. *The* Department of posts has not received any proposal for issuing commemurative postage stamps on the Maruthu brothers.

Post Office in Uttar Pradesh

3177. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Post Offices have been opended in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are their locations, district-wise, as on the 30th November, 1992:

(c) whether Government propose to open more post offices in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh in current as well as next financial years;

(d) if so, what arc the names of places selected for the purpose, separately year-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) yes, Sir.

(b) During 1992-93, a target for opening of 85 post offices has been given for Uttar Pradesh. The exact locations of the post offices will be decided by the Head of circle based on need and demand.

(c) A target for opening of 85 post offices during the current year has been earmarked. For the next year, the number will be decided based on budget allotment for 1993-94.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Discontinuation of Mobile Post Office System in Madurai

3178. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mobile Post Office System at Madurai called as "Meenakshi" has been discontinued;

(b) if so, what arc the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there has been representations from the public as we from the Chamber of Commerce to reintroduce the system; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU: (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up Panels for Secondary Switching Areas

3179. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA: Will the *Minister of* COMMUNICATIONS be *pleased to state:*

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have decided to set up Panels in ail Secondary Switching Areas to dispose of excess metering complaints, quickly; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Instruction for setting up of a committee for speedy disposal of Excess Metering complaints have been issued by Department of Telecommunications on 16.9.92 and the particulars are as under:

(i) The committee in each Secondary Switching Areas may comprise of